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# IELTS SPEAKING SURVIVAL HANDBOOK

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# WELCOME MESSAGE

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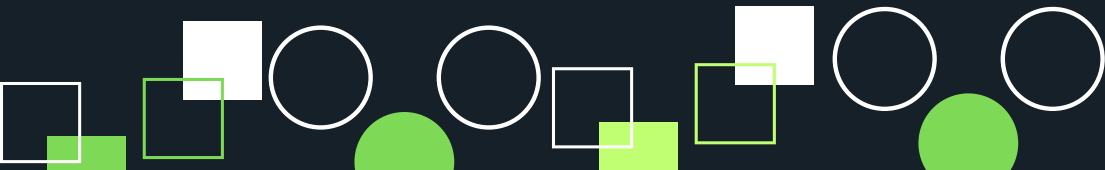
- Respond accurately in each part of the IELTS speaking test
- Identify and use the correct tense and grammar in your answers
- Avoid common mistakes with real-life examples of both correct and incorrect answers

With Haitham Mogherbi's extensive experience as your guide, you will improve your speaking skills and leave a lasting impression on the examiner.



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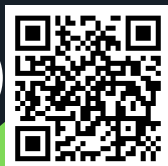
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# CHAPTER 1

## CHAPTER 1: INTRODUCTIONS— SETTING THE TONE THE IMPORTANCE OF INTRODUCTIONS

In the IELTS Speaking test, the introduction is the first thing the examiner hears. It sets the tone for the rest of the interview. A clear, confident introduction helps create a good first impression.

Introductions in English are simple and direct. This is where you tell the examiner basic information like your name and where you are from. It's important to use the right grammar, especially the Present Simple tense, because this shows that you can speak about facts clearly.



Remember, the introduction is your chance to show the examiner that you are comfortable speaking English. A strong start will help you feel more confident as the interview continues.

### Page Summary:

Introduction

Suggested Tense: Present Simple

Suggested Phrases:

- My name is + name
- You may call me + name
- I'm + name



# CHAPTER 1

## CHAPTER 1: INTRODUCTIONS— SETTING THE TONE COMMON QUESTIONS IN THE INTRODUCTION PHASE

### 1. What is your name?

Tense: Present Simple

- Correct Answer: My name is + name.
- Alternative: You may call me + name.

### 2. Where are you from?

Tense: Present Simple

- Correct Answer: I'm from + city/country.

### 3. What do you do?

Tense: Present Simple

- Correct Answer: I work as a + profession.
- Alternative: I'm a + profession.

### 4. Do you study or work?

Tense: Present Simple

- Correct Answer: I'm currently studying/working.



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### Page Summary:

Questions: Name, origin, job

Suggested Tense: Present Simple

Suggested Phrases: My name is, I'm from, I work as, I'm studying



# CHAPTER 1

## CHAPTER 1: INTRODUCTIONS— SETTING THE TONE INCORRECT RESPONSES

### 1. What is your name?

- Incorrect Response: “I’m called Lukas.”
- Why: This sounds unnatural in English.
- Correct Response: “My name is Lukas.”
- Why: Uses the Present Simple tense to state a fact.

### 2. Where are you from?

- Incorrect Response: “I from Italy.”
- Why: Missing the auxiliary verb “am.”
- Correct Response: “I’m from Italy.”
- Why: Correct sentence structure, using the Present Simple tense.
- Incorrect Response: “I’m coming from Italy.”
- Why: “Coming from” implies a temporary action or movement, not a permanent fact.
- Correct Response: “I’m from Italy.”
- Why: States a permanent fact, which is more appropriate here.

### 3. What do you do?

- Incorrect Response: “I work like a teacher.”
- Why: “Work like” implies similarity, not profession.
- Correct Response: “I work as a teacher.”
- Why: Clear and grammatically correct.



### 4. Do you study or work?

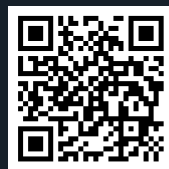
- Incorrect Response: “I’m both studying and working for.”
- Why: Sentence structure is awkward and incomplete.
- Correct Response: “I’m currently studying and working.”
- Why: Uses the Present Simple for a factual response.

### Page Summary:

Suggested Tenses: **Present Simple**

### Suggested Phrases:

- My name is Lukas
- I’m from Italy
- I work as a teacher
- I’m currently studying and working



# CHAPTER 1

## CHAPTER 1: INTRODUCTIONS— SETTING THE TONE GRAMMAR FOCUS

### Present Simple Tense in Introductions

The Present Simple tense is key for introductions in English because it expresses facts and permanent information. In the IELTS Speaking test, you use this tense to answer questions about your name, where you're from, and your occupation.



### When to Use Present Simple in Introductions:

- Name: "My name is + name."
- Origin: "I'm from + city/country."
- Job/Study: "I work as a + profession." or "I study at + institution."

### Quick Tips:

- Always include the auxiliary verb ("I am from").
- Avoid using continuous forms like "I'm coming from" for permanent information.
- Keep answers clear and factual—short and precise.

### 4. Do you study or work?

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**Suggested Tenses:** Present Simple

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